

Iowa Child Care Resource and Referral

Lending you
a helping hand...



What is Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R)?

- Community based programs in a variety of agencies
- Unique to the communities served



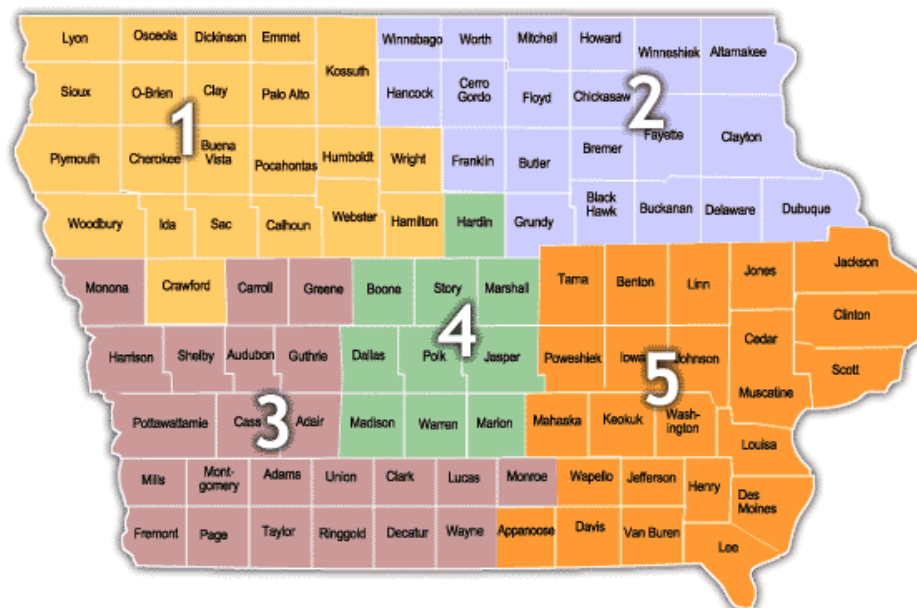
History

- 1970-80's Local programs established to provide resources for parents and child care providers
- 1987 National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRRA) begins working to improve the system of early learning for children
- 1989 CCR&R agencies established throughout Iowa



1992

Regional CCR&R System is established in Iowa



REGION 1

Mid-Sioux Opportunity
Child Care Resource and
Referral of Northwest Iowa
418 S Marion Street
Remsen, IA 51050
(712) 786-2001
(800) 859-2025
Regional Director:
Jackie Mulder

REGION 2

Exceptional Persons, Inc.
Child Care Resource and
Referral of Northeast Iowa
3675 University Avenue
PO Box 4090
Waterloo, IA 50704
(319) 233-0804
(800) 475-0804
Regional Director:
MariLynn Pierce

Region 4:

Orchard Place
Child Care Resource and
Referral of Central Iowa
808 5th Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50309
(515) 246-3566
(800) 722-7619
Regional Director:
Cathy Wheatcraft

REGION 3:

West Central Development
Corp.
Child Care Resource and
Referral of Southwest
South Central Iowa
701 10th St.
PO Box 709
Harlan, IA 51537
(712) 755-7381
(800) 945-9778
Regional Director:
Glenna Thompsen

REGION 5

Community Action of Eastern
Iowa
Child Care Resource and
Referral of Southeast Iowa
500 E. 59th St
Davenport, IA 52807
Regional Director:
Mary Jo Huddleston



1995 ChildNet curriculum is implemented state wide

1997 The Iowa Child Care & Early Education Network is established to bring state wide coordination to early child care and education quality initiatives



2000 Local partnerships with Community Empowerment Boards strengthens and expands IOWA CCR&R

2006 The Iowa Child Care & Early Education Network is dissolved





2007 Iowa CCR&R is recognized by
NACCRRRA as a state
managed CCR&R Network



Iowa CCR&R Core Services

As defined by NACCRRA

- **Parent**
- **Provider**
- **Community**



Service Delivery

- **Goal is statewide consistency**
- **Coordinated regionally**
- **Delivered locally**



Parent Services

- Customized search
- Referrals to providers
- Consumer education
- Referrals to Child Care Assistance



Quality Rating System

- Implemented February 1, 2006
- 5 Levels
 - Child Development Homes
 - Licensed Centers/preschools

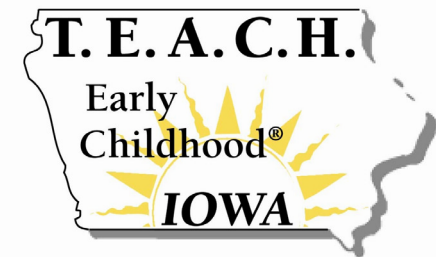


Quality child care and education improvement initiatives continue



Provider Professional Development

- Shift from training to education
- One-time workshops to series training
- Emphasis on higher education



Foundation Series

- **ChildNet**
- **Welcome to Child Care**
- **Welcome to School Age Care**



- Pre-service requirements
- Business Practices
- Program for Infant Toddler Care
- Every Child Reads
- Environmental Rating Scales
- Quality Rating System



On Site Consultation

To assist child care providers and programs in the implementation of best practice.



State Wide Consultation Staff

Child Care Home Consultant

Child Care Center Consultant

Child Care Nurse Consultants

Infant Toddler Specialists

Quality Rating System Specialists



Other positions

- QPPS Facilitators
- Inclusion Specialist (Region 2)
- Hispanic Outreach (Region 4)



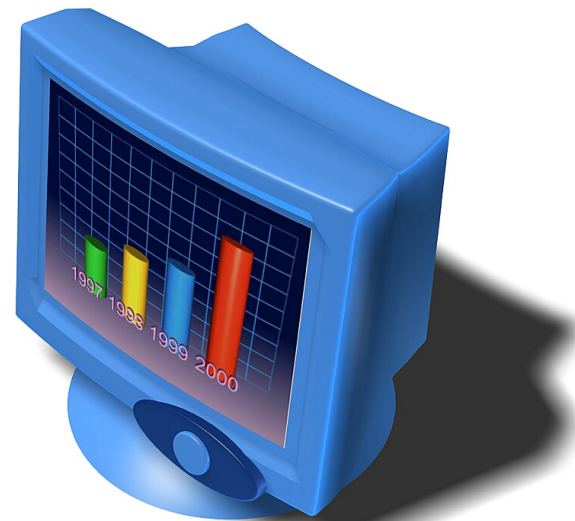
Community Services

- Data
- Identifying gaps and trends
- Employer services
- Education
- Collaboration



NACCRRRAware Data Base

- Identifies child care and education programs
- Maintains up to date detailed program information
- Maintains parent referral information
- Tracks consultation and TA





QUESTIONS?

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